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SUBJ: NEWSWEEK MOSCOW BUREAU CHIEF'S MEETING WITH PRC VICE  
FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SHU

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1. SUMMARY. PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SHU TOLD  
VISITING NEWSWEEK MOSCOW BUREAU CHIEF FRED COLEMAN  
AUGUST 30 THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST ACCEPT THE PRC'S  
THREE PRINCIPLES FOR SINO-US NORMALIZATION "TOTALLY AND  
UNCONDITIONALLY." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, WANG SAID  
THAT HE FOUND IT HARD TO SEE HOW THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S  
STATEMENTS TO THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION REPRESENTED  
A "COMPLETE AND GENUINE" ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRC'S THREE  
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PRINCIPLES. WANG STATED THAT CONTINUED MILITARY AID  
TO TAIWAN IS "HARD TO JUSTIFY AS BEING IN THE SPIRIT  
OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE". NEVERTHELESS, WANG SAID  
THAT THE PRC WELCOMES THE US GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE  
TO HASTEN NORMALIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. NEWSWEEK MOSCOW BUREAU CHIEF FRED COLEMAN,

CURRENTLY VISITING THE PRC AT THE INVITATION OF THE MFA'S INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, SAW PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG SHU AUGUST 30, WANG SHU WAS APPOINTED VICE FOREIGN MINISTER IN MAY AND ONE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL RECENTLY TOLD A DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE THAT HE IS IN CHARGE OF POLICY PLANNING IN THE MINISTRY. USLO OFFICER SAW COLEMAN BRIEFLY BEFORE HIS AUGUST 31 DEPARTURE FOR SHANGHAI. READING FROM HIS NOTES, COLEMAN GAVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF WANG'S STATEMENTS ON SINO-US RELATIONS. COLEMAN PROMISED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHEN HE RETURNS TO PEKING SEPTEMBER 4.

3. WANG SAID THAT SINCE BRZEZINSKI'S MAY VISIT, THE US GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HASTEN NORMALIZATION. THE PRC WELCOMES THIS STATEMENT. HE SAID THAT NORMALIZATION IS "UP TO THE UNITED STATES" AND THE MAJOR OBSTACLE IS THE TAIWAN ISSUE. WANG SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD VIEW SINO-US RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL STRATEGIC SITUATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION INTENSIFYING ITS WORLDWIDE QUEST FOR HEGEMONY.

4. COLEMAN ASKED WANG FOR HIS OPINION ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STATEMENTS TO THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION ON SINO-US NORMALIZATION. WANG REPLIED  
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THAT THE PRC'S THREE PRINCIPLES ON NORMALIZATION (SEVERING RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, WITHDRAWING ALL TROOPS, AND ABROGATING THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY) MUST BE ACCEPTED "TOTALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY." IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW THE THREE CONDITIONS MENTIONED BY THE CARTE ADMINISTRATION (TO THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION) REPRESENT A "COMPLETE AND GENUINE" ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRC'S THREE PRINCIPLES. WANG SAID THAT CONTINUED MILITARY AID TO TAIWAN IS "HARD TO JUSTIFY AS BEING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE." THE UNITED STATES IS ARMING THIS "CLIQUE". THE PRC WOULD LIKE TO LIBERATE TAIWAN PEACEFULLY BUT THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT SINCE THERE ARE A "BUNCH OF REACTIONARIES ON TAIWAN," AND THE US CONTINUES TO SUPPLY ARMS. WANG ALSO TOLD COLEMAN THAT THE PRC WOULD NEVER AGREE TO THE THIRD US CONDITION -- THE PRC MUST GUARANTEE THE PEACEFUL LIBERATION OF TAIWAN. "HOW TO LIBERATE TAIWAN IS AN INTERNAL CHINESE MATTER." US ACCEPTANCE OF THE

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PRC'S THREE PRINCIPLES CANNOT BE "VERBAL OR OSTENSIBLE,  
THEY MUST BE ACCEPTED IN SUBSTANCE AND AS A WHOLE."

5. COLEMAN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY LESSONS TO BE  
LEARNED FOR SINO-US RELATIONS FROM THE RECENT CON-  
CLUSION OF THE SINO-JAPANESE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP  
TREATY. WANG SAID THERE MUGHT BE. "WHY HASN'T THE  
UNITED STATES BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT WHAT JAPAN HAS ACCEPTED  
ON THE TAIWAN ISSUE." DURING THE VANCE  
AND BRZEZINSKI VISITS, WANG SAID, BOTH SIDES HAD AN  
EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE  
TO MOVE FORWARD. "WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS  
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. TAIWAN IS STILL THE OB-  
STACLE." THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE UP ITS MIND,  
IT IS NOT DIFFICULT WHEN VIEWED IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT.  
COLEMAN SAID THAT WANG DODGED THE QUESTION WHEN ASKED  
IF THE PRC HAD A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE IN MIND.

6. WANG STATED THAT NO CHINESE LEADER WOULD VISIT  
THE UNITED STATES AS LONG AS THE "FLAG OF THE CHIANG  
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CLIQUE" FLIES IN WASHINGTON. WANG CRITICIZED THE  
US PRESS FOR ITS COVERAGE OF CHINA. COLEMAN

TOLD WANG THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY IMPROVE IF US CORRESPONDENTS COULD BE STATIONED IN PEKING. WANG SAID THAT THIS MUST WAIT UNTIL AFTER NORMALIZATION. WANG ALSO STATED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED SINO-US TRADE AFTER NORMALIZATION ARE GOOD.

7. COLEMAN TOLD USLO OFFICER THAT WANG CRITICIZED THE SOVIET UNION IN STANDARD TERMS. WANG SAID THAT NO PROGRESS OCCURRED IN LAST SPRING'S SINO-SOVIET BORDER NEGOTIATIONS IN PEKING. SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IL'ICHEV ONLY CAME TO PEKING IN APRIL BECAUSE BRZEZINSKI WAS COMING TO PEKING IN MAY.

8. WANG CASTIGATED VIETNAM AS A PAWN OF THE SOVIET UNION AND SAID THAT VIETNAM WOULD SOON ASK THE UNITED STATES FOR MONEY. COLEMAN INDICATED THAT WANG SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE NORMALIZATION OF US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS.

9. COLEMAN INTENDS TO USE WANG'S COMMENTS IN AN ARTICLE HE IS PREPARING FOR NEWSWEEK. WANG TOLD COLEMAN THAT HE DID NOT OBJECT TO HAVING HIS NAME APPEAR IN THE ARTICLE BUT ASKED THAT HIS COMMENTS NOT APPEAR IN QUOTES.  
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